

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on lines 21-28 of page 5 with the following text:

The illumination device 300 is similar to the illumination device 200, except for the following differences. First, in place of the highly reflective material 229, diffusing reflectors 339 ~~329~~ are provided on exterior surfaces of the light guide 220 where total internal reflection (TIR) is not supported. Second, a reflective polarizer 340 is provided between 25 the light guide 220 and the light extraction device 230. The reflective polarizer 340 may comprise a wire grid polarizer, a cholesteric polarizer, or a highly anisotropic layer of material that reflects light having one polarization (e.g., through TIR), and transits light having the orthogonal polarization.